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CONTACT REPORT

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DATE OF REPORT:

2 Feb. 59

EGFA-33594

CASE OFFICER PSEUDO:

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AGENT CRYPTO:

Amarth/15

CASE OFFICER ALIAS:

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AGENT OPERATIONAL ALIAS:

Peter

DATE OF MEETING:

31 Jan, 1 Feb.

TIME OF MEETING

1830

HRS TO

1030

MEETING PLACE:

Gellertstr. 7

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TO

Hamburg

- I. COMMO: a. Agent called 553483 and above date and time agreed on, place already fixed.
b. Next meeting same place and time on 28 Feb unless otherwise notified.

II. SUBSTANCE:

Agent produced latest message from his internal contact "Ficis". Encoded portion says "There will be a ZANIS BUNTS at the furniture exhibition in Finland. You can talk to him, he knows your name" Agent is not acquainted with Bunts. Brought along schedule of events in Finland which lists only possibility as the Spring Fair in Helsinki 6-15 Mar. Discussed with agent various methods of setting up a secure contact with Bunts in event approval is received. If no approval received agent will probably make contact on his own using home-made commo arrangements. There are two ships left to be delivered to the Sars in Sweden, one ready in March, the other mid-summer. Two previous ones delivered, but neither one to Brois.

III. NEW BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

none

IV. REPUTATION, MORALE, AND PERFORMANCE:

good, enthusiastic

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V. FINANCE AND SUPPORT:

Paid travel expenses and 300 DM for expended time. Issued portable typewriter to agent on a loan basis.

VI. COMMITMENTS:

none

VII. SECURITY:

no incidents

VIII. ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND COMMENTS:

Agent list of message recommends Bunts highly, requests fast reply. Agent told to reply Bunts would be met. Initiating trace, clearance request.

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CONTACT REPORT

EGFA-33544

BRANCH: FOB/SOV

CASE OFFICER PSEUDO: ☐ ☐

DATE OF REPORT: 30 June 1959

CASE OFFICER ALIAS: ☐ ☐

AGENT CRYPTO: AEMA RSH/15

DATE OF MEETING: 26 June 1959

AGENT OPERATIONAL ALIAS: Peter

MEETING PLACE: Gellertstr. 4, Hamburg S/H

TIME OF MEETING: FROM 1600 HOURS TO 2200

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I. COMMO: A. Subject was called at home in Stockholm and asked to arrive in Hamburg at the above time and date.

II. SUBSTANCE: Agent reported he had received a letter from ☐ dated 16 June with the following text, "Understood you (your message). If possible I will attempt to come out (travel)". A previous message to AEMARSH/15 from ☐ mentioned the following address: ☐ This is apparently meant as a mail-drop to receive AEMARSH/15's letters. Agent further reported the close friend of ☐ mentioned by the latter at the time of his recruitment had written to former Major Vilis Hazners in New York and judging from his words, was willing to engage in anti-communist activity. Hazners had prepared a reply to be sent via AEMARSH/15 which amounts to an obvious recruitment-by-mail pitch. Agent was told to hold off sending and various other approaches were discussed. ☐ friend is called Jekaks Silis, over 50, served during WW II in the same Communication Battalion in the 15 SS Division as ☐ He was captured at Hela and returned to Latvia. He is employed as a radio engineer at the RigaPopov Radio Factory. He lives with Erika Svarcs, Karl Marks iela 10/12 dz. 2. Riga. AEMARSH/15 knows him from WW II.

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III. NEW BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

IV. ATTITUDE, MORALE, AND PERFORMANCE: Agents attitude and performance were good and, as usual, agent is anxious to produce positive results. As expected, his morale was low, complained bitterly that his contacts in ☐ did not seem to be especially interested in operation, lacked knowledge of trade-craft techniques, and moreover had interrupted contact at present due to rotation of C/O's. This will only be resumed this Fall. Agent was told there was nothing ☐ could do; he must take his problems to his own C/O. Two maritime prospects traveling regularly between Gateborg and Riga were rejected on grounds this was ☐ responsibility.

V. FINANCE AND SUPPORT: Paid agent 500 DM for travel expenses.

VI. COMMITMENTS:

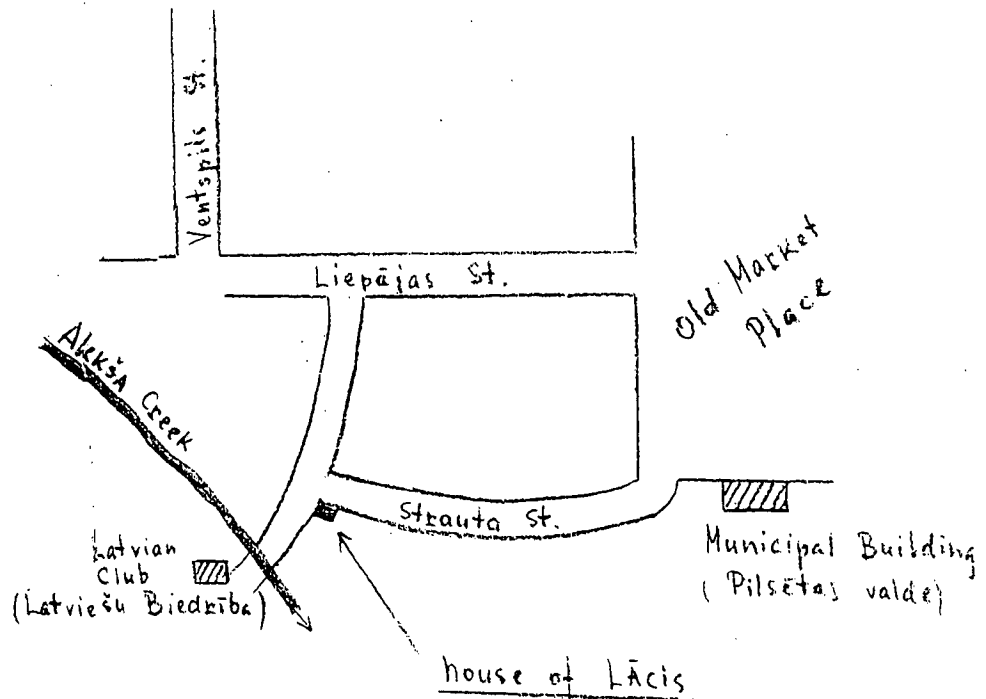
VII. SECURITY: No incidents noted.

VIII. ADDITIONAL REMARKS AND COMMENTS: ☐ of AEMARSH/15 or ☐ Can best be done by direct contact by an appropriate REDSKIN agent in Riga. A dispatch outlining this proposal is being prepared.

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Sketch (not necessarily correct as to the distances + directions)



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PETER JACOBSON
BORIS GRANOVSKIS

Subject: Additional info about P.J.'s friend B.G. and their correspondence.
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(ZEMITE ?)
Dagmara, ~~tau~~ (unknown whether she is married now), the cousin of B.G.'s wife, is of apr. the same age as B.G. P.J. recalls her as a resident of Kuldiga for many years. Her father allegedly had been postmaster many years ago; her mother allegedly deceased during the post-WW 2 years. Now Dagmara is living in Riga; her exact address unknown. Her sister Livijs MATSONS is older than Dagmara. For ZEMITIS see Remark, p.6.

All the letters B.G. has sent to P.J. directly contained B.G.'s true name and address. Recently B.G. has sent his letter for P.J. to the postbox of EGLITIS, Andrejs in Stockholm, i.e. Postbox 382; P.J. intends to obtain his own postbox now in order to get these letters directly without making use of EGLITIS' postbox (the latter does not know the agreements between P.J. and B.G. - knows only that P.J. is receiving letters from Latvia).

P.J. has never instructed B.G. in the coded letters to abstain from using B.G.'s true name and address; such instruction was given only in the second letter, sent via SVENSON - which presumably has not been received by B.G. until now. The first (innocent) letter sent to B.G. via SVENSON was sent in Oct. or Nov. '56 to the address of VANAGA Ada; the second (presumably not received by B.G.) was addressed to B.G. directly, - it had to be mailed by SVENSON either in Riga or Ventspils.

P.J. is convinced that B.G. has understood the first coded letter (i.e. the one which contained P.J.'s instructions for B.G.'s activities); therefore P.J. has not repeated its contents in some of the following letters.

When applying the method of "Schablon", P.J. uses it already on the first line of the text in order to make it easier for the receiver.

B.G.'s hobby is photography - he has sent many photos to P.J., especially pictures from Kuldiga (P.J. has one showing the old bridge across the Venta River). B.G. is developing these photos himself; P.J. has sent to B.G. in some parcel the chemicals needed for it.

B.G. became acquainted with VANAGA Ada through P.J.'s mother; usually they met in the apartment of Ada V., since P.J.'s mother thought that her apartment (formerly owned by the late EGLITIS Viktors, father of EGLITIS Anslavs) is possibly under surveillance.

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Besides the previously mentioned persons, P.J. has asked PURVINS Zanis, formerly a forester (virsmezsargs - in Latv.) near Kuldiga - B.G. replied that he is going to ask about this person the wife of LACIS Edgars in Kuldiga since she might know Zanis P.

One person, about whom B.G. reported without being asked by P.J., is Elizabete, nee BRUDERS, widow SAMOVICS (her husband, who deceased in Siberia, was brother of the a/m SAINA-SAMOVICS Nikolajs) - B.G. wrote that she was released from Siberia and came to Latvia last summer (1957); that now she is living in the former farmstead of the BRUDERS between Kuldiga and Aizpute **. - For SAMOVICS see Remark, p.6
SAINA Nikolajs is apr. three years older than P.J.; graduated from the Latvian Officers Training School with difficulties, afterward served with some infantry regiment. One of his brothers (they were allegedly four brothers) was deported in 1941 and he deceased in Siberia (husband of the a/m Elizabete BRUDERS).

EIZENBERGS Aleksandrs - Krokslatts Parkgatan 46 B, Mölndal 2 (near Gothenburg)
DOB 1914, presumably in Ventspils. Attended schools in Ventspils; graduated there presumably from a school of commerce; afterward was employed at some offices in Riga. Had his compulsory military service with the 4th Infantry Regiment of Valmiera

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in Riga. Has not participated as soldier in WW 2. Escaped from Kurzeme to Sweden already in 1944. Was residing there first in Halsinborg where became acquainted with P.J. Presently working at some company which is manufacturing medicine and perfumes in Gothenburg. Is married now (was not in 1951). - His parents are still alive and living in their small house in Ventspils at the harbor. A.E. is corresponding with them but with great caution. A.E. knows the method of "schablon" in principle but does not know the key of it. Likewise A.E. knows the addresses of VANAGA Ada ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ ~~BRAKSIS~~ and B.G. (because of the letters sent via SVENSON - these were forwarded to the latter by A.E. - A.E. does not know that the letter via BRAKSIS went to the address of VANAGA Ada.

CIT. LATVIA? SWEDEN? His info. Recruited for clandestine mission to Latvia with
* LIEPINS, Pauls A - Finnboda 25, Stockholm 1, SWEDEN

DOB 1918 Latvia
Born 1918. Attended schools in Liepaja where he graduated from gymnasium, afterward starting to study ship construction at the faculty of engineering of the Univ. of Latvia. Military service with the Latvian Army - first in Rezekne then assigned to the courses of the battalion of communications in Riga. After escaping to Sweden (in May, 1946) started to restudy ship construction at the Technical College in Stockholm; has graduated from it without diploma. Is working now as an engineer at the Finnboda Varf.AB, and is rather well-off. In June, 1951, got married to CELMINA Dzidra (daughter of the late Chief of Latvian Army Intelligence - Fr.); has three children.

His father was a laborer at the former Drāsu fabrika (now "Sarkanais Metalurģis") in Liepaja where he owned a small house; deceased. The mother of P.L. deceased recently - P.L. received the news about it in 1956. P.L.'s brother, soldier of the Latvian Legion during WW 2, is missing since the battles in Pommernania in 1945.

During WW 2 P.L. got severely wounded - lost one eye and a part (muscle) of one leg - during a Soviet air raid over Liepaja. At this occasion P.L.'s bride lost her life.

P.L. is still corresponding with the mother of this bride in Liepaja. CIT. LATVIA

In 1947 or 1948 P.L. and BORVIS Boriss (escaped together with P.L.) were recruited by Gen.V. TEPERS for a clandestine mission to Latvia. Both candidates spent a month or so in training which, according to P.L., was very primitive and showed that the whole mission is not well planned (in this connection P.L. has told P.J. that Gen.V.T. at that time gave P.L. a blue pencil, asserting that there are only two of such kind in Sweden, for S/W; later P.L. found out that the same results might be obtained when using an usual blue crayon). The planned mission, however, did not take place.

Several years later P.L. was asked again to participate on some clandestine mission but refused. Because of his experience, P.L. is very sceptical as to Gen.V.T.'s ability for such activities. Info on mission

CIT. LATVIA His info. Contact of subject of
* VANAGA (SANCBERGA) Ada - for her address see previous report

RES. RIGA, LATVIA SEX: F
She is living now in the former apartment of P.J.'s mother (where the latter was living during free Latvia). This apartment building is on Lacplesa Street behind Avotu Street when walking from Brivibas (now Lenina) Street; it is presumably the second house left when passing the corner of Lacplesa and Avotu Street (the first house on the corner is a small one). The apartment of A.V. is presumably on the second floor. It consists of three rooms and kitchen. P.J. thinks that this apartment is still in the name of Ada's brother (the architect, VANAGS Reinis, living now in Lielvarde). Beside A.V., one Latvian woman, BLANKA Milda, is living there (M. BLANKA has a sister in Sweden). - Formerly P.J., too, had lived in this apartment.

Among the associates of A.V. is the brother of Lt. Col. RUCELIS Janis (now in Canada); this brother was recently released from Siberia *** Mother of a/m RUCELIS, too, is visiting A.V. Contact of subject of

A.V. has a sister who presently is living in Milwaukee, USA; this sister is older than A.V. and married to VEDEJS, fnu.

A.V. is rather small, slender; has a straight nose and a narrow face (P.J. has her photo, taken shortly before the departure of P.J.'s mother from Riga to Sweden). The family VANAGS-SANCBERGS is well known by the GRINS (Rasma G. and her parents) in Sweden.

Besides, A.V. is squinting a little with one eye. According to P.J.'s mother, she is a very courageous woman who does not fear anything - has told P.J.'s mother that she is not afraid to receive letters from abroad.

LACIS *Edgars*

CITILATVIA

Kuldiga, Strauta iela (house number can be obtained from P.J.'s mother)

DOB *Latvia*
Born around 1905. His parents - both deceased - were formerly farmers in the vicinity of Kuldiga. As far as P.J. recalls, E.L. was employed at the radio transmitter of Kuldiga as a technician; P.J. does not know whether E.L. is able to operate W/T and/or receive W/T telegrams.

P.J. became acquainted with E.L. through P.J.'s brother while the latter was living in Kuldiga; this brother was a close friend of E.L. P.J. recalls E.L. as an earnest, reserved man who could be trusted. In 1940/41, f.i. the apartment of E.L. in Kuldiga was used by P.J.'s friends as a safe house where now and then meetings were held by the Latvian patriots who discussed then how to resist the communist regime.

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The wife of E.L., Elita (widow of P.J.'s brother), is a farmer's daughter from the vicinity of Kuldiga; presumably a graduate of gymnasium. During free Latvia she was a switchboard operator at the telephone central of Kuldiga. She escaped the deportations in 13/14 June, 1941, because of the fact that at that time she had went to Riga (her husband, P.J.'s brother, was at that time working in Elkskene near Ventspils from where he was deported). - Now she is just a housewife; the LACIS have no children. They are living in the small house of Elita on Strauta Street (its approximate location see on the sketch attached) between the Old Market and the Aleksa Creek. It is an one-storey masonry building, which consists presumably of two apartments - the LACIS have two rooms and kitchen in one side of this house; the other side has probably one room and kitchen (P.J. has a photo of this house, taken recently and forwarded to P.J. by B.G.).

Edgars L. has also a sister who is living in Kuldiga (she was visited by P.J.'s mother; the latter could give more info about her as well as Edgars L.). This sister was married but her husband, who served with the Latvian Legion during WW 2, is missing since.

Beside his job at the Kuldiga radio, E.L. is privately (i.e. "black") repairing radio receivers and makes a good additional income out of this.

P.J. describes E.L. as apr. 175 cm tall; wide shoulders; rather narrow eyes (P.J. has his present photo); in general an unobtrusive type.

Elita is taller than her present husband; is rather bulky; has thick, dark eyebrows and dark hair thus having an unusual appearance and resembling a southern type.

Was always very interested in her appearance and clothes - according to B.G.'s letter she has not lost this interest. Showed no interest in politics.

P.J. has not exchanged letters with the LACIS - all his info about them comes from B.G. and P.J.'s mother. In one of his letters B.G. forwarded greetings from the LACIS to P.J. (and now P.J. is waiting for news about a/m PURVINS Zanis from Elita L. via B.G.). - Besides, B.G. and P.J. are calling E.L. by the nickname "Miska" in their letters.

CITILATVIA

FOR EDGARS LACIS

TREIJS, Hugo

DOB *Latvia*

Real info

Born apr. 1914. Graduated from the Latvian Officers Training School (was class-mate of PARUPS Eriks, now in Connecticut, USA) in 1937, afterward an officer at the Artillery Regiment of Vidzeme. His name was on the listing, prepared by A.SILDE, of the Latvians still in Siberia. The news that H.T. is now released and that he formerly had resided in Agenskalns, P.J. got from GRINA Rasma (the latter knows H.T. as well as his former wife, Mara ZAICMANIS, nee KUNDZINA, very well; see further); P.J. assumes that R.GRINA got it from the first wife of H.T., who is residing in Sweden. Having this info, P.J. wrote to B.G. in code to find out the present residence of H.T. in Agenskalns. B.G. replied that H.T. does not live in Agenskalns but somewhere in the countryside (B.G. has not written that H.T. is living now in or near Kandava - as stated in previous report; apparently there has been some mix-up with some other person discussed with P.J. - Fr.)

P.J. describes H.T. as apr. 175 cm tall; strikingly blond; had pink cheeks, broad

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shoulders; was known as a good horseman; had a pleasant voice - was singing tenor in some men's ensemble; was very cordial and likeable; liked to be handsomely dressed.

According to GRINS Rasma (as gathered during a private meeting on 30 Aug. '57, while discussing in general about some common acquaintances - Fr.), H.T. had lived under some assumed name in the area of Lake Usma in Kurzeme after the capitulation in May, 1945; at this time he was supported by his sister who was living in this area, too. Later H.T. moved to Tukums. At this time he was ^{husband} married to *CEKULS Tamara - daughter of the well-known Latvian teacher-instructor of physical education (the CEKULS are well known to the GRINS; in fact, H.T. became acquainted with his first as well as his second wife in the home of the GRINS in Riga). Tamara CEKULS had previously been married to some graduated forester (mezkopis - in Ltv.), OSIS but when the latter became a fellow-traveler of the Communists after WW 2, she almost lost her mind and committed suicide; in any case she got separated from OSIS and lived together with H.T., having two children from H.T. now. In 1951 (or 1952) somebody revealed that H.T. is living under a false name. H.T. was arrested, spent some time in the Central Prison in Riga and later was deported to Inta in Siberia. First having been released from the labor camp but still working in Siberia, H.T. was returned to Latvia around 1955 (it seems that R.GRINS knows his present address but did not want to tell it - Fr.). - The fact that H.T. got remarried was told the GRINS in Stockholm by ALBATS, Adolfs. The latter spent one night with the GRINS and somehow they started to talk about H.T. It came out that ALBATS A. had been together with H.T. in the same cell in the a/m prison in Riga; from this time ALBATS A. recalled that H.T. is married to a/m Tamara CEKULE but did not know that H.T. had been previously married to Māra KUNDZIŅA. The GRINS, who were very excited about H.T.'s re-marriage, wanted to make sure that there is no mix-up and showed ALBATS A. the photos of H.T. and his first wife, taken many years ago in Latvia. ALBATS A. asserted that it is the same person he had met in the a/m prison. The first wife of H.T. has a daughter from him. Now she is remarried to ZALCMANIS Janis; has another daughter.

AUSEKLIS Felikss []

Should be more than 50 years old now. Graduated from the Latvian Officers Training School in the same year as HAZNERS Vilis; went to it from the Infantry Regiment of Riga. After his graduation, remained as faculty member at this school until 1940. During WW 2 probably served with the Latvian Police battalions.

Married; had no children. His wife was a nice lady; now - according to V.HAZNERS - she is allegedly very ill (P.J. does not know whether she is with her husband or somewhere abroad).

The info, that F.A. is in Latvia where he is employed at the "Dzirnavnieks" in Riga, was received by P.J. from V.HAZNERS. Having received it with the request of V.HAZNERS to get in contact with F.A., P.J. wrote F.A.'s place of work to B.G. in code. According to P.J. more info about F.A. should be obtained from V.HAZNERS as F.A.'s former colleague at the a/m training school.

CIT: LATVIA

*ASRIANCS Margrieta, MD IN LATVIA

The request by P.J. to B.G. to locate her was made in open text. Just now P.J. & wife got news about M.A. from another source - Mrs. ROZĪTIS Laimdota in Rastatt, Germany (near Baden-Baden) - while calling on her family there. This lady, like P.J.'s wife, is a former class-mate of M.A. While exchanging letters with her mother in Latvia, Mrs. L. ROZĪTIS, was told that M.A. had been married but that her husband is deceased now (allegedly this husband, too, had been a physician). In any case it was told that M.A. is working now as a physician. - According to P.J., the parents of M.A. presumably remained in Latvia in 1944/45.

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* * PURVINS, Janis

CITILATUVA senior IN LATVIA

DOB Born 1905-07. Was until the end of WW 2 the ^{senior} forest-keeper (virsmezsargs - in Ltv.) at the forestry of Padure (north of Kuldiga); his official dwelling was in a lone house between the Venta River and Lake Nabe on the high bank of this river. P.J. became acquainted with Z.P. through P.J.'s brother who was Z.P.'s superior. The father of Z.P. had been senior forest-keeper at the same place for many years already in Tzar-Russia, i.e. serving the German barons. The PURVINI owned a large farmstead "Konradi" not far from the a/m official residence of Z.P. All the PURVINI were known as Latvian patriots and honest people; the men were members of the Latvian Home Guard organization (aizsargi - in Ltv.). Z.P. was married to the sister of the well-known Latvian play wright, ZONBERGS - SAULESKALNS (now in favor with the Communists; formerly very servile toward the ULMANIS' regime - Fr.); she was a very reserved and nice woman, had one child - a son who was born around 1938. Last time P.J. met Z.P. in 1942 when having a hunting party together with Z.P.; at this occasion P.J. gave Z.P. his hunting gun, small-caliber rifle and ammunition to be buried at some secure place for future use.

Besides, a sister of Z.P. got married to one MALTA Rudolfs; as far as P.J. knows the MALTAS are living now either in USA or Canada but the mother of Rudolfs M. is still living in her small old house in Kuldiga where she was visited by P.J.'s mother.

CITILATUVA

* * BRUDERS, Antons & apparently brother of EGILS []

Formerly they owned the farmstead "Naglas" somewhere between Kuldiga and Aizpute, presumably nearer to Aizpute. Beside Elizabete (widow SAMOVICS) there were five or six more children, among them BRUDERS Antons, who later became the adjutant of the Latvian admiral, SPADE Teodors. Another brother deceased in exile in Siberia but a/m Antons B. allegedly is still alive there. One of the sisters of Elizabete is presently living in the USA; she had graduated from the faculty of law in Latvia and was known as a very active member of the Latvian student (female) organization "Dzintra". - The mother of Elizabete and her two sisters are living in their old farmstead "Naglas"; presumably Elizabete, too, is living there after having been released from Siberia. - Note: Latvian Telephone Directory, 1936, lists:

BRUDERS Antons, 1st Lt. - Baznīcas iela 45 (in Riga).

*** OSIS and ROCENS, Janis OSIS KNOWN TO BE COMMIE FELLOW TRAVELER IN LATVIA AFTER WW2

While talking about Hugo TREIJS, R.GRINA mentioned also the well-known agronomist, ROCENS (Janis?), who is either a distant relative of H.TREIJS or was somehow else connected with the case of H.TREIJS. - In any case R.GRINA told that a/m OSIS had been a subordinate of ROCENS at the "Adas un vilnas centrale" during the ULMANIS' regime (ROCENS was its director). Though both men were known as loud Latvian patriots, after the capitulation in 1945 they were very servile toward the Communist regime. Mrs.ROCENS (nee ZELTINS) was so shocked by this sudden and unexpected change of her husband that she lost her mind and committed suicide; the same step was almost taken by Mrs.OSIS (now the wife of H.TREIJS), too. According to R.GRINS, a physician ROCENS, fnu, now working as a physician in Riga with much success, is either the brother or a cousin of a/m ROCENS. The a/m OSIS was member of the student organization "Kursa", but agronomist ROCENS - member of the student fraternity "Talavia".

Note: The tragedy of the ROCENS was partly witnessed by Fr. & his men in the fall of 1945 - it was known at that time that Mrs.ROCENS had lost her mind.

One Physician ROCENS has been recently mentioned in Cina as working at some hospital in Riga.

Besides, WOLDEMAR, too, knew agronomist ROCENS - in 1948/49 W told that he had brought ROCENS and the latter's children from Kurzeme to Riga in the truck W was driving at that time. According to W, ROCENS had been very arrogant and rude toward W though both are members of "Talavia"; later ROCENS allegedly got a higher post at the Ministry of Agriculture - was a typical opportunist and fellow-traveler of the Communists.

Latvian Telephone Directory, 1936. lists: ROCENS Arturs, Dr. - Lāčplēša 65 (Riga)

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BRAKSIS, PAULS

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The wife of B presently is not studying - according to B she had studied. The first name of KALNINS (who participated at the party of FREIMANIS Imants; see previous report, p.4) is not Augusts but Alfreds. Dr. MAJORS (in Gothenburg) is exchanging letters with his brother in Latvia via BRAKSIS.

P.J. does not know the name of the person I. FREIMANIS, A. KRODERS and others of this group are intending to get out of Latvia. P.J. knows only that this person is a former schoolmate of I. FREIMANIS. This person allegedly had sent a letter to I. FREIMANIS (probably got in contact via BRAKSIS) by some Estonian who went via Sweden to Great Britain; it was agreed that on his way back this Estonian would visit Hamburg where I. FREIMANIS should give him 2000 S.Kr. in order to finance the escape of I.F.'s friend from Latvia. In this connection I.P. asked P. LIEPINS whether the latter could lend him 100 S.Kr. as part of the a/m amount (P.J. assumes that I. FREIMANIS has talked with several persons about this matter in order to collect these 2000 S.Kr.). All this was told P.J. by P. LIEPINS - P.J. personally has had no discussions with I.F. about this problem. On P.J.'s advice P. LIEPINS told I.F. that the latter should get in contact with HAZNERS Vilis in USA who might be interested in this case and get some financial support for it. P.J. wrote about it to V. HAZNERS, preparing the latter for possible letter from I.F. (which was not sent).

RUCELIS, ANV. LATVIA

The RUCELIS are from Vecpiebalga. They were three or four brothers: one of them - presumably the youngest - served with the Latvian Air Force and was killed in airplane crash around 1930; another Air Force officer who participated in WW II in the rank of Lt. Col. is residing now in Canada (probably RUCELIS Janis). Another brother (possibly the oldest one) was member of the fraternity "Lettonia", was studying either law or economics at the Univ. of Latvia. In the summer of 1945 the latter was put by the Soviets in the "filtration camp" (political screening installation) in Kuldiga - here he was seen by his girl friend, who later joined the partisan group led by Fr. This woman, called in the nickname "Parre" was arrested by the Soviets together with JANSONS Ragnija as both tried to reach the partisan group; it happened around Oct. 5, 1945. All three a/m brothers were well acquainted with Fr.'s sisters but their parents were known to Fr.'s father. (Fr.) ANV. LATVIA

Beside the previously mentioned Latvian officers, AUSEKLIS F. and VEINBERGS, HAZNERS Vilis has written to P.J. the names of the following ones to get in contact if possible: ANV. LATVIA

INDUSS, Janis - former 1st Lt. at the 7th Infantry Regiment of Sigulda; his wife allegedly now a physician at some hospital in Riga (has been mentioned in Cina - Fr.). P.J. does not know him personally; has not passed this name further to B.G.

KORPS, Anu - former Latvian Army officer who was in charge of counter-intelligence matters at some Latvian Army regiment (probably cavalry); had been deported to Siberia but now back in Latvia and residing in Liepaja. P.J. does not know him.

Remark: The Latvian Telephone Directory of 1936 lists
ZEMITIS L. - Ventspils iela 24, and
SAMOVICS K. - drug store, Baznicas iela 6.

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Subject: P.J.'s letter to F.L., written in Stockholm on 6 Sep. '57 - its explanation

This letter was sent to the true name and present address of F.L. It is written in code, prepared by F.L. & P.J. on 29 Aug. '57. The envelope shows no sender and the letter is signed by Nils - as it was agreed. It was received already the next day, i.e. on 7 Sep. '57.

When returning home, P.J. had there a letter from B.G. which cleared up some things. It came out that AUSEKLIS F. has sent a letter (to Sweden) already last May but had addressed it unfortunately to Latvian Relief Committee where P.J. lately does not expect any letters from Latvia. However, P.J. at last got this letter (from AUSEKLIS F.). It is written to HAZNERS Vilis - AUSEKLIS thanks for the ^{greetings} ~~letter~~ from HAZNERS and asks the latter to write him. P.J. comments that it means AUSEKLIS is interested to be in contact. B.G. writes in his letter that AUSEKLIS is a kind man and that the latter had been worried why there is no answer (to this letter from May).

P.J. has sent this letter of AUSEKLIS to HAZNERS Vilis, asking that the latter should in few careful lines instruct AUSEKLIS to communicate in the future with P.J.

P.J. adds that the fact that he had sent this letter to V. HAZNERS would not please F.L. but P.J. contains that he had to do it since AUSEKLIS' letter was addressed to V. HAZNERS and P.J. had to obtain an answer from V. HAZNERS to it. This answer, of course, is going to be setn to AUSEKLIS by P.J. (not V. HAZNERS) via B.G.

B.G. is for the time being at some sanatory but expects to be home at the end of September; is thinking about his possibilities to work - says that it would not be possible to work at pharmacy but he would have to find some other profession, possibly is going to become an apprentice of LACIS Edgars (in Kuldiga; radio technician). - P.J. comments that it is a sign that B.G. wants to do something serious and that LACIS E. can teach him something.

There are no news from Mrs. OZOLINA anymore - it is too early to expect such now.

AUSEKLIS has promised also to locate TREIJS Ugis since AUSEKLIS has some friends or relatives who are living in the same rural community where TREIJS U. is residing now.

P.J. has written to EIZENBERGS Aleksandrs, expressing the need for a meeting but remarks that it would not be possible now since P.J. does not have the money (for such trip).

Further P.J. has received a notice that it would not be possible to use the means so far available for the parcels to B.G.; he does not expect receive just now support in this matter from GEORGE.

P.J. mentions that EGLITIS Andrejs does not intend to make a trip (to Germany) now. P.J. remarks also that the four escapees are now released and he is going to meet them soon - they are told to be rather talkative and are telling some quite interesting things.

This letter is closed by the remark that P.J. is going to write to GEORGE later since for the time being he has told all (the necessary) to Fr.

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Subject: Translated excerpts from the letter written by PETER in Stockholm on 16 Sep. '57, received on 17 Sep. '57, by FRED.

The book (telephone directory of Riga, recent edition; mentioned in PETER's long distance call on 13 Sep. '57) has not been obtained by LUKINS Janis but it has been brought out by BRAKSIS, who is just now on business matters in Finland. The friend of ~~KALNINS~~ FREIMANIS Imants, one KALNINS Alfreds, had made a trip to Finland to get this book which is now in his possession (FREIMANIS' or KALNINS' ? - Fr.). LUKINS was involved in this matter only because he showed great interest in it. The news about this book has already been published by KRODERS in the last issue of Latvju Vards (in Stockholm) but following publication about it has temporarily been stopped. LIEPINS Pauls is working on FREIMANIS and there will be results but much wrong has already been done. Now please let me know if it would be worthwhile to do something in order to obtain this book and what could be the limits of the means necessary to buy it.

Lately I have met several times EGLITIS Andrejs who is very angry about the fact you did not let him know your address here in Europe... I got from him some interesting facts which could be valuable in establishing important contacts, friendship and support (~~for~~ with persons in Latvia - Fr.). Due to the lack of means he has not been able to make use of them but he tells that - if I have interest and the opportunities - I may make use of these facts in my interests. I have put it so that I am assisting HAZNERS Vilis and have met you only by coincidence...

It would be very important to meet you before you are leaving (for the States) but it seems that it would not be possible...

Just now it is the most interesting time - it won't be so during the winter when the sea is frozen...

I myself am without means and - even if I had them - I don't want to risk them for the second time wrongly, investing them in unsecure undertakings (excuse my frank language). There are no chances to get hold of the Old Man (Vecitis - in Ltv.) from here therefore I think that GEORGE and you might do it with the help of the handwriting attached; possibly ~~it~~ the telephone number of last year might be identified; apparently it is not an usual one and should be in special listings, available to you. Please read the statements made by the four persons (who recently escaped to Sweden). I am going to meet them later. For the time being they are living and working in Hallstahammar. According to EGLITIS Andrejs one of them has left a possibility for contacts in Latvia (unclear sentence - might be a W/T device or some reliable person - Fr.). I want to check this and might be that there are some other things too which would be of interest.

EIZENBERGS Aleksandrs, too, should be met by me in order to get know about the possibilities in the place of his residence but, before I have not received from you (i.e. FRED) the confirmation (? - that PETER has been cleared ? - Fr.), I am unable to do something in this direction...

Just now I have sent a parcel to Boris G. and am waiting for his next letter as an answer to mine. The previous letter by Boris G. was very interesting and I am very interested in the next one.

A Russian variete is on visit here and among them is one songstress OZOLINA Mirdza who got very favorable reviews and was called the favorite of the audience. Some have tried - among them also FREIMANIS Imants - to get acquainted with her but up to now without success. I think nothing will come out here since they are proceeding very naive and stupidly. LIEPINS Pauls is watching all this closely (presumably listening to FREIMANIS I. - Fr.) and the results will be known....

I am rather stubborn - as you know - and it is difficult to make me give up an idea as well as to put something in my head forcefully. It is nice to recall that we (PETER and Fred) came to an understanding from the first moment we met and that there were no superfluous moves needed. As to the relations with your freinds (i.e. the American officials - Fr.) my precondition (priekšnoteikums - in Ltv.) is a mutual trust - only then serious things can be done. I think that this request is not exaggerated since - as I have repeatedly told - I have not asked for these contacts.

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CONTACT REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: 20 & 21 Dec. '58

DATE OF REPORT: 2 Jan. '59

PLACE OF MEETING: SH in Hamburg

on 20 Dec.:

TIME OF MEETING: 1910 HRS to appr. 0330

on 21 Dec.: 1005 to 1930

PURPOSE OF MEETING: debrief contact of the BRAKSHIS' case; plan a meeting with the latter; get BI data about LIEPINSH Pauls.

1. NAME OF CONTACT: PETE

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2. ADDRESS AND TELEPHONE NUMBER:

AKMENS Peters (pseudo) - Box 11040, Stockholm 11, Sweden; phone 419636

3. COMMO:

First by PETE, written on 22 Nov. '58, where he asked H to come over to Sweden for a discussion;

a. PRESENT MEETING: three letters - one by H who proposed to meet PETE on 20 Dec. '58, at same place & time as before (i.e. on 11 Nov.); the other third PETE's reply that he will be there on said time and date.

b. NEXT MEETING: by letters (PETE was advised not to send letters to H's home address - as he did in a/m case - but to write to some Fran Acco Address).

4. SECURITY DATA: nothing especial to report except for a woman who took the adjacent table in a restaurant where PETE, GEORGE and H had their lunch on 21 Dec. '58, around 1400 - she obviously was capable to get some fragments of the talk all three a/m persons had. However, H did not care since GEORGE choose the local and was present during this talk.

5. BIOGRAPHIC DATA:

PETE expects not only his mother back to Sweden from the USA (next spring) but also his sister and his brother i.l. for a longer stay - one year or so - in Europe. This couple allegedly is tired of the hectic and financially difficult life in the States - want to have a change though such trip would cost them almost a whole year's earnings. It seems that PETE's sister is the one who has it most difficult (she is an artist-painter and now has to earn her living by coloring photographs). - PETE's wife is going to spend next summer appr. one month at some German university for German language studies. - PETE's step-daughter Aija, who until now had been rather bored by all the matters of the Latvian culture in exile, now allegedly has become an ardent Latvian patriot (is 15).

6. SUBSTANCE:

a) BRAKSHIS, first of all, here was a discrepancy as to the date when PETE got this new info (in his letter of 22 Nov. '58, PETE wrote that now he has some important new details about BRAKSHIS; now PETE said that this info was obtained by a/m LIEPINSH Pauls from KALNINSH Alfreds only on 18 Dec., except for the fact re one CAUNE INU in Canada - see below). Anyway, on 18 Dec. '58, a/m Pauls L. had a long talk with a/m A. KALNINSH about BRAKSHIS (under the pretext that Pauls L. intends now to send some important letter via BRAKSHIS to Latvia & therefore wants to make sure that BR. is reliable) which lasted until 0400. Accord. to A. KALNINSH: BR. got in contact with A. KALNINSH via one FREDIS INU (probably Alfreds - H.) in Latvia - the latter had corresponded with A. KALNINSH in Sweden after FREDIS' return to Latvia from Siberia (possibly after 1955) since formerly both FREDIS and A. KALNINSH had been friends. In mid-1956, when BRAKSHIS was in Gaevle, Sweden, he had with him the name and address of A. KALNINSH from FREDIS, found in telephone directory A. KALNINSH phone number in Stockholm, got in contact with the latter and submitted to him a letter from FREDIS. Then it came also out that BRAKSHIS, too, is an old acquaintance of FREDIS - during free Latvia both had been W/T operators and had sailed aboard ships. - Now this FREDIS allegedly is employed at a distillery in Milgravis, Riga. He was also the person who got the Riga Telephone Directory of 1955 and sent it to A. KALNINSH via BRAKSHIS when the latter was in Helsinki, Finland, in the fall of 1957. Now FREDIS writes to A. KALNINSH and promises to send out even the newest telephone directory, printed in Latvian. - Besides, A. KALNINSH had sent to FREDIS via BRAKSHIS food and clothing. FREDIS is known also to Mrs. VAZHA (VAZA - in Latv.) Anna whose first husband, VAZHA, was in Latvia and works (or worked?) at the VEF Factory there *. Mrs. VAZHA, who spent the post-war years in Sweden, left Sweden for the USA Dec. '58, where she is now permanently (see further).

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6. SUBSTANCE (Continued):

BRAKSHIS has told A.KALWINSK that he does not participate in politics, that he allegedly is not a CP member since he is a seaman and thus a drunkard therefore the party ranks are closed to him.

BRAKSHIS has told that his wife does not work (PETE recalls that BRAKSHIS once had told EIZENBERGS in Gothenburg that his wife had studied). She had formerly (after WW II ?) worked at some bank (in Riga ?) together with the father of MELKIS Zigurds (now in USA; see further).

A.KALWINSK does not know what post precisely BRAKSHIS has in Riga but his base of the fishing vessels is located in Kaliningrad (East Prussia) - he sails first from Sweden to Murmansk where he delivers the boats, then proceeds to Kaliningrad where he accounts for them and only then he arrives in Riga.

During the time he is not on assignments abroad, BRAKSHIS acts also as a faculty member at the Riga Nautical School (Jurskola - in Latv.) which allegedly is located at the same place as formerly (at the left bank of the Daugava River in Pardaugava at Kugu Street 25 - H.); here he reportedly prepares the new captains of the coasters and/or fishery vessels; among the faculty members here are also the brother of KRODERS Arturs (see further) and the brother of Dr. MAJORS J(anis; see further).

The fact that the Soviets trust in him so much BRAKSHIS explains by his wartime awards - has told about one specially outstanding mission in the Black Sea where on his initiative whole RR carloads of naphta were transported floating across the sea and then continued to their destination on the tracks again (!).

7. ASSESSMENT OF CONTACT:

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Still rather dissatisfied with his present position, probably mainly on financial grounds. His stubbornness, however, melts away when he reveals that there is some superior knowledge and leadership in our service. - Disciplined if precisely told what to do but has not much imagination on his own. Has to be led but in a manner that does not offend him. Could be trusted with a certain reserve for the time being, i.e. there might be leaks via his wife and/or mother - now his sister & brother i.l. could possibly also create some difficulties in this respect. - Has still some prejudices against the American way of life - a trip to the USA could possibly be of some value if properly organized. - Emotionally too much attached to his former colleagues - officers in Latvian Army and Latv. Legion - now in Latvia. Might be of some use on the intercepted letters - in fact he might already have some experience in this matter (seems to be an expert in handwritings). - His family life does not seem to be very harmonious; probably his wife is of a superior intelligence and motives.

8. ATTITUDE, MORALE, PERFORMANCE:

There was some unfriendly attitude which now and then became quite aggressive (though H deliberately provoked it), possibly because his self-confidence was a little bit shattered this time (with joined forces of GEORGE & H). - Morale good. Performance fair though sometimes a little bit clumsy (Swedish style).

9. FINANCE AND SUPPORT:

See GEORGE's accounting. There was a rather heated argument first between PETE & H, later - on PETE's initiative, a calmer one among all three. PETE thinks that he should get some reimbursement for the workdays he loses while attending our meetings; figured out that he loses 40 Skr a day (which makes his monthly salary 1000 Skr; in Aug. '57, he said that he and his wife make 1300 Skr per month; as far as H knows, PETE's wife is the one who earns more).

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